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3. Two new Polish merchant ships with a carrying capacity of 10,000 tons each were laid up at the Danzig shipyard. Construction work on these vessels will allegedly take two years.

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